

State Constitution-Time For A Change Nov. 5?

Editor's Note: Citizens of voting age compose a good percentage of the students at MTSU. For this reason the SIDELINES, as well as student newspapers on any campus, has endeavored to present campaign details and editorial opinion. But there will be another serious question before Tennessee voters next Tuesday: To call or not to call a state constitutional convention. A summary of the issues follows.

By Ron Thompson
Tennessee voters will decide Tuesday whether or not they will charge their legislature in 1971 with revising the state's constitution to make its antiquated portions more suitable for a 20th century society.

On the ballot next week, voters will find five questions concerning different sections of the charter which need revision, alteration or deletion.

The voter's decision will be to accept or reject any or all of the questions.

At stake are such primary foundations of government as the functioning of the courts, the existence and role of cities and counties, the type of taxes which can be levied, how long the governor can serve, the age at which a citizen can vote, and the flow of credit in an increasingly credit-minded society.

The five questions represent tough decisions for the voter since affirmative answers to all five could lead to the most far-reaching constitutional reform in 100 years.

But what the voter must remember is that the affirmation of all five could also block badly-needed changes for another decade. If any one of the questions receives a majority vote,

then the convention will begin in 1971, but no other convention can be held until 1977 or 1978.

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(1) This opens for revision on the courts, from justices of the peace to the Supreme Court, and methods for election and filling of vacancies.

(2) Municipal authority, including the limitation of power, officer elections and home rule.

(3) Considered to be the chief reason for the convention call, this question deals with the property tax but excludes discussion of an income tax.

(4) This includes a conglomeration of sections which require an organizational session of the legislature, prohibit the governor from succeeding himself, and place outdated restrictions on the National Guard.

(5) Lowering the voting age from 21.

The most controversial of the questions, number three, centers around a constitutional provision that "all property be taxed according to its value." The key word is "all," which presumably refers to real estate, personal property, farms, homes, factories, utilities, bank accounts and stocks and bonds.

As an attempt to clarify this ambiguity, the legislature passed an act in 1966 requiring real estate to be assessed at 50% of value across the state by 1973. Counties below that figure are now being raised by steps.

Question 3 would limit the subclasses of real property to four and the ratio of assessment for each. The convention would set the exact percentages, freezing them into the constitution.

But question 3 also contains a more controversial stipulation: that the convention cannot consider an income or payroll tax.

The Nashville Tennessean stated Sept. 29 on its editorial pages that while question 3 makes a debatable stab at correction of a faulty property tax structure, it would close the door for another 10 years on any real attempt to broaden the tax base of either state or local government.

The newspaper added: "Perhaps the greatest danger at this point is that one of the questions — say Question 4 — passes, with the others failing. The convention would be forced to idly debate the governor's term while other areas cried for reform which would be impossible for another six years."

"If all five questions failed,

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Infirmary Fund Totals Over \$115,000

Total cash and pledges for the MTSU infirmary building fund campaign now totals over \$115,000, according to John Hood, Director of Development.

The campaign was begun over a year ago with faculty, administrative staff and student body participating. Next it was carried to MTSU Foundation's Board of Trustees, many of whom are alumni, and then to the Alumni Association and the area business community.

"We do not know the exact number of contributors, but many are alumni," Hood stated. "Many alumni and others have made contributions in the form of a 3-year pledge."

According to Hood, the original plan by the foundation board was for the infirmary building fund campaign to raise \$150,000 and the board would advance up to \$100,000 held in reserve funds to build the infirmary. Therefore, \$35,000 is needed to make the success of the campaign a reality.

In the near future, the foundation will launch its second phase of the campaign to the 9500 graduates of MTSU.

What's Up?

Monday, October 28
6:00 Kappa Tau Delta—324
6:00 Vets Club—322A
6:30 Tri-Beta—New Science
6:30 Blue Raiders—Dining Room B
Tuesday, October 29
11:00 Vet. Club—324
11:00 Pi Sigma Epsilon—310
5:00 Young Republicans—308
5:00 Triton Club—Pool
6:00 Tau Omicron—201 SUB
6:00 Tau Omicron Banquet—SUB B
6:30 Supreme Court—310
6:30 Drama Club—Arena
7:00 Spelunkers Club—O.S. 32
7:00 Lambda Psi—Sub 303
7:30 A.S.B. Reception For President 1st Floor Lobby
Wednesday, October 30
5:00 Women Dorm Council—308
6:00 Church of Christ—Sub 304
6:00 Pappa Epsilon—322A
6:00 Christian Science—324A
7:00 Lambda Psi—Sub 303
7:00 I.F.C.—312
7:30 Delta Phi Gama—308
7:30 Delta Pi Delta—322
8:00 University Play—Theatre

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Reaction To 'Dixie'

Senate Votes To Improve Race Relations

By Bobby Sands

The ASB Senate voted Thursday to commit itself toward improving race relations on campus, after lengthy and wide-ranging debate over a suggestion last week to abolish "Dixie" as MTSU's spirit song.

The action rose out of a guest column in the SIDELINES Monday whose author decried the use of "Dixie," the Confederate flag

and figure of Nathan Bedford Forrest here, claiming they all are symbols of prejudice.

Speaker Doug Bennett called upon the senate "to take a stand and get involved in campus issues," and nearly all senators followed by voicing their sentiments on the issue.

Bart Gordon, sophomore senator, proposed that the legislative body "phase out 'Dixie' and substitute a new spirit song."

Senior Ed Baker countered by saying "I am not from the South, but I like 'Dixie.' No song can replace it as our spirit song nor General Forrest as a hero."

"You can make 'Dixie' or any other song mean what you want it to mean," Baker said.

Senator Sandra Baugh, who expressed opposition to abolishing use of the song, asked:

"Do those who want to abolish our traditions understand them? Do they understand the South and Tennessee?"

The speaker pointed out that the different groups and individuals who have different views on this controversy should meet together, to have a meeting of the minds and reconcile their viewpoints if possible. He was liberal in his praise of CUBE.

Bennett said that he "supports CUBE's efforts to bring about understanding between the races." Bennett asked that the Senate endorse CUBE and its efforts. No action was taken on Bennett's request because of wide disagreement among the Senators over endorsing any organization. He then asked his fellow senators to make efforts as individuals and as leaders to bring about understanding among students.

Senator Prissy Owen declared that she agreed with CUBE's

avowed purpose of creating understanding, but she asked "if the abolition of our traditions is a genuine attempt to create understanding?" She went on to say she, "was proud of the South and proud to be a Southerner."

Senator Sharlena Phillips proposed that a "prepared" public meeting be held to explain why we have General Forrest as our Blue Raider emblem and why the Blue Raider nickname is used for our athletic teams. She went on to express her own personal grave concern over the situation and urged her fellow senators to make an effort to understand both sides of the argument and help work out a solution.

Bennett yielded the speaker's chair to propose the following

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Seigenthaler To Speak At Fund-Raising Dinner

John Seigenthaler, editor of The Nashville Tennessean, and State Senator John Bragg will speak in Murfreesboro tomorrow night during a \$5-a-plate dinner held by the Rutherford County Citizens for Humphrey-Muskie.

The 7 p.m. fund-raising dinner will be held in the Central High School Cafeteria. Student tickets will be only \$2, according to Mrs. Ola J. Hutchins, committee chairman.

The MTSU College Young Democrats will be participating in the ticket sales. Student desiring to attend may purchase tickets in NCB 330, or from any CYD member.

Tickets may also be secured by calling committee headquarters at 893-1300 or by going by the local headquarters on the square.



Rebel flags, the sound of 'Dixie,' a student tossed into the air—all exhibited at the "Pep Rally" last week before the Austin Peay game.



The ASB is sponsoring a reception for invited guests in honor of Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Scarlett on Tuesday, Oct. 29. The ASB hostesses who are in charge of the arrangements include (l. to r.): Carole Moore, Nashville junior; Paula McHughes, Jackson sophomore; Jim Free, ASB President; Jenny Jones, chairman, Madison senior; Suzanne Hewgley, Columbia junior; Elaine Lehr, South Pittsburg junior; Rosemary Esque, Nashville sophomore; Diane Gannon Shelbyville junior; and Delores Sutton, Nashville senior.

Sociology Classes Study Poverty Through N.Y.C.

More than 30 MTSU students began working recently toward a program which will hopefully lead to a better understanding of today's problems concerning poverty.

Students in Mrs. Gwen Aseltine's Principles and Problems of Sociology classes met with the Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) enrollees to participate in the program.

About 39 MTSU students were assigned an NYC enrollee. Mrs. Aseltine's students will work with the cooperation of the enrollee to obtain the views and reactions to social problems firsthand from those enrollees who have known these problems through actual experience.

This is the only scheduled meeting between student and enrollee. The student, utilizing his own time and initiative, will investigate the enrollee's background, visit his home and former teachers, visit his worksite and set up counseling visits with the enrollee.

Enrollees in the NYC program range in age from 16 to 23 years of age. The program covers Rutherford, Cannon, Warren and DeKalb Counties.

Enrollees work 26 hours each week at a Federal, State or local tax-supported agency.

Remedial or vocational classes are mandatory, each enrollee being required to have six hours of classwork per week. Those eligible for NYC must be high school dropouts, and from economically or socially deprived backgrounds.

Roy Wright, Director of NYC, believes that this type program will be advantageous to both enrollees and students and lead to a greater student understanding concerning social problems of the low-income group.

Also participating in this Community - University effort were Jimmy Smith and Pat Huffman, NYC coordinators.

University Theater Has 'New Look'

MTSU theatre-goers will discover a "new look" when they attend "The Adding Machine," October 30, 31, and November 1. The lobby of the University Theatre has been re-decorated by painting the walls, the addition of new furniture and carpeting, and including permanent works of art.

The original idea to re-decorate the theatre lobby was conceived by Mrs. Dorethe Tucker, director of the University Theatre. Through her efforts and under the organization of Mr. Lane Boutwell, work began last summer to beautify the lobby.

Mrs. Mildred Nees, interior decorator from Harvey's Department Store in Nashville, devised the design scheme and supervised in the selection of colors, fabrics and furniture.

Mr. Lewis Snyder of the MTSU Art Department was commissioned to create the two ceramic sculptures now on display in the lobby.

The main reason for the renovation of the lobby was to transform the sterile atmosphere into something more aesthetic and useful. Future plans are to include permanent photographic or art displays.

In keeping with the development of the university and due to the expansion of the program of the Speech and Theatre Department, the University Theatre is becoming more specialized as a facility for theatrical arts productions on a year-round basis.

Senate Votes...

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resolution. It was 11-0 with one abstention. Whereas: The ASB Senate is a recognized body of student leaders, and;

Whereas: The Senate desires to take an active part in influencing dominant campus attitudes, and;

Whereas: There is in evidence today on our campus a lack of understanding between some students, as individuals and as organizations;

Therefore: Be it resolved that The ASB Senate commits itself to the improvement of race relations on our campus. We feel that improvements of these relations must come through mutual interaction between individuals of the races, and that we, the Senate commit ourselves to this end.

Rep. Anderson To Speak On Urban Crisis

By Wanda Ensor

Rep. William R. Anderson will be among 10 guest speakers here during a November lecture series on methods of relieving urban crises across the United States.

The speakers — scheduled to appear Nov. 11-12 and Nov. 25-26 — will address their remarks to "Rehabilitating Small Town America: An Alternative to the Urban Crisis." Two lectures will be given daily in the D. A. Theater.

The symposium will be sponsored by the S & H Foundation of New York and the MTSU political science department.

The symposium, the second held at MTSU in recent years, is being made possible by a \$2000 grant to the university from the S & H Foundation of New York.

"We had excellent student and community response to the other symposium," recalled David Grubbs of the political science

department.

"Each of the previous lectures had a near capacity audience — probably 500 - 700 students. That's probably why they've given us another grant so soon," he said.

"Work on this project has mushroomed as it went along," Grubbs continued, explaining that letters of invitation have been sent to each member of the American Institute of Architects in the Middle Tennessee region and to all city and regional planners in surrounding areas.

"We think they will gain a lot just from listening, especially to the 2:30 p.m. lecture on Nov. 11," he said. "We are also inviting the students and faculty from the Graduate School of Planning from U.T."

Anderson will present the final lecture of the ten-part symposium. He will discuss "Legislative and Policy Aspects of Rural and Small Town Renewal," at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26.

Anderson, who because of district reapportionments has MTSU in his jurisdiction for the first time this year, is most interested in working with the university. This will be his first appearance on campus in a lecture capacity.

Kicking off the series at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, will be a seminar concerning "New Towns and Regional Planning." Seminar leaders are Richard L. Anderson, assistant general manager, Columbia, Md., A. J. Gray, regional

planner, TVA, and James Point, TVA. Albert Mayer, architect and planner of environment, New York, will be serving as discussant.

Mayer will again take charge of the program at 7:30 Monday night when he delves into "Environmental Crisis and Solution: A National Continuum."

The associate professor of the New School of Architecture at the University of Tennessee, Frederick Grieger, will lead a discussion of the Sparta project during the 2:30 p.m. lecture of Nov. 12.

Presenting the evening lecture on Nov. 12 will be Dr. Norman H. Jones, deputy assistant secretary for Economic Development Planning, Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce. Dr. Jones' topic is "Community Development Assistance Through the Economic Development Administration."

"The USDA and Small Town Rehabilitation" is the subject for John A. Baker, assistant secretary of agriculture, in his 2:30 p.m. lecture on Monday, Nov. 25.

Speaking on the role of HUD in assisting small communities on the evening of Nov. 25 will be Charles B. Sonneborn. Sonneborn is a special assistant for small communities with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Father Albert McKnight, director of the Southern Cooperative Project, Lafayette, La., will lead the discussion at 2:30 p.m., Nov. 26. His topic is "Revitalizing Rural Areas and Small Towns Through Cooperatives."

In charge of arrangements for the symposium are Grubbs and Norman L. Parks, head of the MTSU political science department.

Lane Earns Assistantship

David Michael Lane, 1968 MTSU graduate in agriculture has accepted a research assistantship in soil morphology, genesis and classification, at the University of Arkansas.

While at MTSU, Lane's advisor was Dr. T. C. Bigger. He was a member of Delta Tau Alpha national honorary society for agriculture students.

He graduated with a 3.45 average, was frequently on the Dean's List and received the B.B. Gracey award for the agriculture major with the highest over all scholastic average.

Lane is a veteran with service in Germany and a relief medical unit in Yugoslavia, while he was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division.

He worked three summers in Mississippi for the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture as a student trainee.

Following his graduation, he was employed by the Mississippi Soil Conservation Service as a farm planner in Ripley, Mississippi.

Aden Attends Meeting In Washington D.C.

Robert Aden, chairman of the Faculty Research Committee, will attend a meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Oct. 29-30, in Washington, D. C.

The meeting will consist of a series of workshops in which delegates will play "The Federal Workshop," a game designed to teach them the proper methods of awarding grants.

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Dixie: Old Times There Are Not Forgotten?

Former Editor Looks For Hidden Question

By Tony B. Pendergrass

One dare not say that not enough space has been devoted to the controversy aroused by the Oct. 21 column by Sylvester Brooks which appeared in the SIDELINES. One need only look at the deluge of type covering page 3 of the October 24 edition to have that notion refuted. Somewhere in the sea of words submitted by both sides, carefully concealed though it is, there lurks a valid question.

I'm sure we all feel indebted to those who have so abundantly traced the social, economic, and military history of the South for us. I feel less than indebted, however, to the gross misconceptions about the present South which are carefully woven in between the elements of history. For these reasons, I take issue with Sylvester Brooks and his advocates — James Doyle Trigg, Jim Leonard, and Dr. James K. Huhta.

"Violence, racism, fear, and bigotry, prejudice, slavery, immorality, oppression" — to these representative words from the recent inundation of verbiage, stereotyping, and glittering generalities, allow me to add one simple term — "phooey."

Lest I be misinterpreted, let me make my position clear. I am not a WASP; I am of Irish and American Indian extraction by birth and a member of the Roman Catholic Church and the liberal wing of the Democratic party by choice. All of these have at one time been looked down upon, as have the Jews, the Poles, the Italians, the Orientals, etc. I have always aligned myself with those humanitarian movements which seek to relieve the suffering masses.

With this long and redundant, but necessary preface, I will get to the point. I think we can all be glad of the fact that our Negro minority at MTSU has nothing more substantial to complain about than a flag and a song. I am not so naive as to believe that race relations have reached perfection, but there are no overt efforts at discrimination by our school authorities or student officials.

To Mr. Trigg, I might point out that the magic of capitalism has yet to eradicate racial prejudice in the historically industrial North. I fail to see agrarianism as a vice and certainly see no basis for linking it directly with the evils of slavery. Are the ghettos and slums of the North any less "dehumanizing" than the old plantations of the South? Racial prejudice is not the unique property of agrarians, Southerners, or even white Americans. It cuts across the spectrum of the society and is just as bad one place as another.

I sincerely hope that the majority of Americans do not believe the too-pat fairy tale about the gallant White Knight of the North leading a moral crusade to save the oppressed slaves from the evil clutches of Southern tyrants. This over-simplification overlooks the other causes of the War Between the States which were just as central as the slavery issue.

Those in the South who owned slaves were in a tremendous minority. Certainly the small Southern farmers and non-plantation owners were not fighting a war to uphold the institution of slavery. Many Southerners, especially the Negroes in the Confederate army, were fighting to protect their homes and families. Lovers of history, as our letter-writers seem to be, should refrain from such oversimplification.

I fear that Mr. Brooks and his confederates (no pun intended) are confusing the New South with the Old North, which to me is a most offensive analogy. I, for one, am very proud of my Southern heritage and see no reason to denounce our Confederate ancestors who fought — not for slavery — but for their lives and principles, as men have always done.

I am convinced that war is not the answer to human problems, but it takes two armies to fight a battle. There were atrocities on both sides which were despicable. I am ashamed for both sides because they could not solve their problems except by violence.

But what does all this have to do with a rebel banner (which was not the official flag of the Confederacy) and the song of "Dixie?" Would you have us replace Nathan Bedford Forrest with William Tecumseh Sherman as a school symbol, in memory of his bloody march to the sea? Identifying these symbols with the slavery of a century ago and suffering anguish because of "Dixie" are an exercise in pseudo martyrdom. They represent a fighting spirit which is appropriate for athletic squads and are symbols — not bigotry.

It is such an easy tool to group everyone who disagrees with us under the brand of bigotry, hatred, and ignorance. I don't think any one group has a monopoly on thinking or rational decisions. Is everyone ignorant and narrow-minded because he disagrees with me? Surely the human mind is capable of greater perception and insight than that.

"Dixie" is a very rousing song and seems to enliven the crowds more than anything else can. It was composed in 1859 by Daniel Decatur Emmett, an Ohio native, as a finale for a musical show and first performed in New York City where it received wide acclaim. Why do away with it because of a misconception?

Identifying the removal of the rebel flag, "Dixie," and the impeachment of the poor old Forrest Raider with patriotism and the American Dream has to be an abortive attempt at humor.

I, too, have an American Dream of a country which is not built on labels and in which differences of opinion are allowed to exist without using psychological tricks to sway the public and condemn the opposition. I believe in human rights and long for the day when people are judged for what they are and not for where they were born or what they look like.

In conclusion, I advocate "apple pie, motherhood, and the American flag." If you don't agree with me, "you're a liar, your feet stink, and you don't love Jesus."

Problems And Answers

Author Proud Of Heritage

Dear Editor:

We are proud of our heritage! No, not of our mistakes — our Progress. I think the Negro should be proud of his song.

I wish to quote Josiah H. Combs writer of FOLK-SONGS OF THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES. (page 29). "It must be remembered that the Negroes have contributed some splendid airs: Among them are "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Roll, Jordan, Roll," and "Dixie" . . . The airs of the Negro spirituals deserve study by themselves. In brief, they are charged with feeling, with a sensuous joy in emotion and rhythm, representing true types of popular origin."

I believe most Negroes are proud of their progress and their great, great grandfathers who withstood human ignorance, black and white. The "American dream" IS progress. Learning by mistakes is hard, but, the mistakes of the past should not be forgotten and this tragedy repeated. If Mr. Brooks studied his race's background before he wrote about his race's songs and heritage, he would have saved himself a lot of embarrassment.

The "concrete reality" of today is what kills so many people. Unless something happens to let a person dream in the realistic world, he is in trouble. Our forefathers dreamed and progress was one outcome, slow progress, I admit, but Progress!

David C. Hooven

Confederate Flags: Symbol Of Racism?

Dear Editor:

After reading the Open Column by Sylvester Brooks on Dixie, Confederate flags, etc., I decided to write a letter supporting his stand. God knows he needs support. As I write this letter, hundreds of wild-eyed, red-necked reactionaries are probably raising their Wallace banners and condemning Sylvester for attacking their cherished Southern traditions.

Our grand Southern traditions include lynching Negroes, shooting "Nigger lovers," and bombing churches; as well as giving glory to the Confederate flag, Confederate heroes, and giving aid and comfort to the Klu Klux Klan and George Wallace. To get to the point, lynching a Negro and waving a Confederate flag go hand in hand.

Confederate flags are symbols of a government which took pride in enslaving human beings. I am tired of being constantly reminded of a shameful and immoral governments, and I join Sylvester in calling for the abolition of these racist symbols.

Sincerely,
Robby Lynch

What Kind Of Value System?

By Walter H. White III

Let's talk about glory and symbols of that glory that are an essential ingredient to the strength and unity of a sovereign nation.

Eleven states committed treason and fought a fratricidal war which is now generally thought to have been fought for two reasons: states' rights and the retention of a "Peculiar Institution," one suicidal for any future nation and the other inhumane and fatal to a lasting society.

Too many believe states' rights to be worth fighting for; which is more acceptable to me than those who hold that the cause was immaterial in the remembrance of those who killed and were killed and those who killed and lived to remember only "the good old days."

People who believe in "Glory" actually might be said to believe that wars are glorious in themselves, that the fine qualities of bravery and tactical genius make murderous conflicts valuable to society as enrichment.

I submit that if flags are really harmless and causes less important than the real motivations behind the masses who after all do all the work, that I myself have an affinity for what I consider to be a much more sensible armed conflict.

The flag of the Third Reich was the first of such symbols to catch my admiration. Hitler picked a really catchy design, and I used to have a great regard for the performance of the masses of men in the Wehrmacht who fought under the same flag that identified as German, units of the Gestapo and those poor maligned boys in the SS who did their patriotic duty in the Ukraine toward just one species of "sub-humans."

What makes my favorite flag and misguided warriors the bad guys while 7th Cavalry, and The Army of Northern Virginia are still remembered with love and tenderness?

Dixie Will Never Die

By Herbert F. Knee

In order for a man to look forward toward the future, he must look toward the past, because past events, whether right or wrong, are the events which affect our most inner minds and our most desperate actions. These events are the events which cause each of us to see things as we want to see them, not the way they really are.

Today, more than ever before, the people of these United States practice equality under the law. Every man has a right to be heard and give his opinion, and I respect Mr. Brooks' opinion, but I also respectfully disagree with him. We are a much more liberal minded people than our ancestors were and we serve no meaningful prejudice or malice against any race, sex, or religion.

Yes, the Confederacy suffered defeat in 1865, but the courage and determination that our forefathers fought for should be honored by us all. We do not honor the cause for which they fought but the way they fought. It is a part of our heritage that was endeavored upon by our ancestors and they, just like us, were human. And they, just like us, made mistakes. To err is human and it is not for us to say whether our ancestors were right or wrong because decisions are not always just and not always right.

The University of Miami did ban the Confederate flag on campus and also banned the playing of "Dixie" at social events on campus. The University of Miami also has a very large percentage of northern students and a very large percentage of Jewish students.

To the students of the University of Miami, the banning of the Confederate flag and the song "Dixie" has struck no malice in their hearts whatsoever. However, here at Middle Tennessee State University, the situation is altogether different. We are definitely more Southern oriented than the University of Miami and we represent the Volunteer State, Tennessee. We have a high percentage of Southern students enrolled here at the university, and to them, the Confederate flag represents courage, valor, gallantry, and perseverance of those who at one time fought under this flag.

The people of this campus should search their souls for an answer by rational thinking which affects our attitudes so much? We should ask ourselves whether the song "Dixie", which was composed in 1859 by D. D. Emmett and later became a national favorite, is truly dehumanizing, discriminating, or dishonorable to the people of this great university. Why should the majority bow low to the idiosyncrasy of the minority simply because they fail to see that no prejudice exists due to the song "Dixie" or the Confederate flag, but only that of a swelling pride for that which our forefathers have given us. If apathy still exists after a rebuttal, then only referendum can solve the issue. Referendum is the one thing that "Dixie" eradicators fear because they know if it comes to a vote, "Dixie" shall see a victory as it has never seen before. If the minority cannot adjust to the ideals set forth by the majority, the minority should honor that which the majority represents. If everyone on this campus refused to be a full part of this university unless he had everything the way he wanted it just to suit himself, then this would be a pretty sad place.

It saddens my heart that the Negroes on this campus, whom I have seen so closely associated with, condemn me for my appraisal of "Dixie", but if they cannot be liberal-minded enough to understand that "Dixie" and the Confederate flag have no prejudice inclinations to me, why should I be liberal-minded enough to serve their purpose.

My senior year in high school was the first year that Franklin County High School was integrated. The song "Dixie" and the Confederate flag are the pride and joy of our high school. I invite every Negro student to go to our high school and observe the pride taken in "Dixie" and the Confederate flag by the Negro students there. And then if the Negro student still doesn't like what he sees there, I invite him to enroll at Tennessee A & I.

Open Column

Political Education-A Must

By Charles Flowers

It has often been said that man must sometimes learn by realizing his own mistakes. In many instances that one mistake can be disastrous. This monolith seems to be lurking ever closer, with reference to the upcoming presidential election. The fact is, people do not have to make a mistake in some areas before they learn.

For the past several months we have heard much talk about things such as two-party system, bureaucracy, and pseudo this and pseudo that. With the exception of the latter, these terms are generally encompassed in a basic knowledge of government. The term pseudo has been used over and over again by the pseudoest of pseudo candidates ever to host the dream of becoming President of the United States.

To the politically oriented these terms mean something. To those who lack such knowledge, the terms do have meaning although usually not in context with the dictionary definition. In order for a person to have a satisfactory knowledge of politics, he need not know such things as who was elected to the Presidency in 1860, for this is political knowledge in a historical sense. True, we can benefit from understanding the course of events of the past but the problems of today have little in common with those of the 19th century. Therefore political education of a general and contemporary nature should be our goal.

The alarming number of supporters of Governor Wallace can be attributed largely to a deficiency in political education. The fact that people actually take to heart some of the things he has said is frightening. For example, he has often ranted and raved about the bureaucratic system of this country with its vastness as if trying to make a terrible monster out of it. I think that far too many people have been led to believe that there is something evil about a bureaucracy and being a member of one.

It seems hard to believe that if some of these patriots were informed that this is completely wrong, that it would be like telling a child Santa is not real. Yet this is about what the reaction would be. People hear words every day and never know the true meaning of them, just the way they are used. Those who think that George Wallace is going to get rid of all those corrupt Washington bureaucrats are only kidding themselves.

In the first place only a small per centage of all bureaucrats are in Washington. Of the estimated 2.5 million member bureaucracy, over half are working for the Armed Services. In the second place, what do these people think Mr. Wallace will do once he does away with the present system? If they knew what the true meaning of the word meant, it is doubtful that many would laud such a ridiculous statement.

A bureaucracy is a necessary part of our government and it would be next to impossible to survive without it. Also, whether George Wallace will admit it or not there would be no difference between the present departmental system and any one he could conjure up.

It is easy for a man to say he will do this or that if he is elected President, but it usually turns out to be a different story once he gains office. Mr. Wallace gives the impression of being a very honest man. This is just what worries the concerned citizen. Can you imagine what would happen if someone locked the doors of the State Department and threw away the key? Can you imagine what the university system would be like if a professor were fired every time someone yelled pinko, say if a Home Economics teacher showed her classes how to make Russian Tea or an Astronomy teacher finally had to admit that the Russians were ahead of us in the space race?

What a glorious world it would be for the sadist or maniac if he were able to run around looking for people to walk in front of his car. After all, if by chance he were ever taken to court, he could always claim that the victim was a demonstrator, citing any examples the Chief Executive might have made by them.

There are those who believe that a man's record while in public office is the best guide when it comes to selecting the man most qualified for a certain position. It is inconceivable how a citizen can be familiar with Wallace's record and still see him as our next President.

If Wallace can do so much to curb the crime rate in this country maybe Alabama will be able to get in on the action and possibly bring her murder rate down to within a reasonable distance of the national average. Or if an excuse can be made for that, maybe the aggravated assault rate will come out of the clouds, above the combined average. Maybe he has done something for technical education programs in Alabama but the fact remains that the state still ranks 49th in the amount of money spent per pupil compared with the other states. There are plenty of rich people in Alabama. At least there should be with the tax situation there.

How does Wallace continue to gain in popularity? The explanation goes hand in hand with the old saying that nobody ever listens to anyone "Look before you leap." I believe that if more people were made aware of the facts, men like George Wallace would be less apt to disrupt the thoughts of honest citizens and the progress of this country.

This article is not meant to be taken lightly. The seriousness may be masked by the humor of articles like this, but the point is, it is there. To some it may be nothing but a joke, but to the more serious it is a symbol of the potential holocaust that men like Wallace seem to bring with them.

As long as men like Wallace challenge the common sense of the individual American, the need for more widespread political knowledge shall be great. So all you Wallacites go and consult a dictionary for the definition of a bureaucracy. He just might be planning to do away with you come January.



What Kind Of World?

by Robert M. Hutchins

The Supreme Court lately has pointed out that one object of a jury trial is to protect the accused against the government. Under our system, if the jury finds the prisoner not guilty, that is the end of the matter, for in almost all American jurisdictions the prosecution has no appeal.

Two law professors have now suggested ways in which the protection afforded by the jury could be extended to acquit the people who act in a measured way for reasons of conscience.

Paul A. Freund of Harvard and Joseph Sax of the University of Michigan point to the history of seditious libel in England in the 17th and 18th centuries. They rely especially on the case of William Penn, who was acquitted in spite of the instruction of the judge that he must be found guilty.

Freund refers to the reaction of a juror in the case of Dr. Benjamin Spock, who was convicted of conspiring to counsel evasion of the draft. The juror said he felt bound to vote for conviction because of the instructions of the judge.

Freund is quoted in an interview in the New York Times as saying, "A court might hold that the law under which Spock and others were tried was valid enough—that a law against a conspiracy to aid and abet evasion of the Selective Serv-

ice Law is a valid law. At the same time, it might hold that we have to interpret 'aid and abet' in a way that preserves the right of freedom of conscience in expressing opposition. The law can be valid as long as it's applied in a circumspect way."

Freund says that juries ought to be able to say "not guilty" and not explain. He puts it this way: "There ought to be some new doctrine which would permit a judge to tell a jury that they were to decide the case in the light of all the circumstances."

If Freund's suggestion were followed, juries would have to give "respectful attention" to the law, but it would be made clear to them that nothing would bar them from acquitting the defendant despite respect for the law.

The Sax-Freund proposal is good so far as it goes. In the Anglo-American tradition juries always have been able to mitigate punishment when they were opposed to the law in question, or to the penalties required by it, or to the application of the law to the case at bar. Harsh sentences fixed by law have often disappeared because juries would not convict. The jury is supposed to reflect the sentiments of the community.

That is the trouble with the Sax-Freund proposal. All the presidential candidates, who are experts at judging the temper of



the community, have concluded that the community wants to crack down on those who cause any public disturbance, especially those who act from reasons of conscience.

The temper of the community is paradoxical: almost everybody is opposed to the war in Vietnam, but nobody is to be permitted to say so in any effective way. President Johnson was not forced out of office by letters to the Editor. The conduct of men like Dr. Spock dramatized the issue and made the point in a way that could not be ignored.

Although the Sax-Freund scheme would be helpful, what we really need is a clarification of the Bill of Rights, that group of provisions in the Constitution which is designed to protect us against an oppressive majority.

It seems clear, for example, that a man should not be convicted for protesting, even in an "illegal" manner, against an unconstitutional war.

A Senator's Notebook

BY Everett McKinley Dirksen

It is the autumn season for both the Senate and the House of Representatives. At long last, this past week, the time arrived for final adjournment. Many members of Congress sped to the political contests, either to campaign for re-election or to campaign for their colleagues or a candidate for the Presidency.

Twenty-two of the senators will be running for re-election. That means that they have returned home to campaign. It should be noted that only one-third of the Senate is elected every two years.

Perhaps a dozen senators will attend the sessions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization parliamentarians in Brussels, Belgium, or the Commonwealth Parliamentary Union in Nassau.

There is not the slightest hint that a single senator will be campaigning for the third-party ticket.

The fact of a third-party ticket for the Presidency and the Vice Presidency emphasizes one of the interesting aspects of the 1968 campaign. Both the Senate and House are made up of members who are definitely identified with one or the other of the two major parties. In fact, both House and Senate are organized on a party basis. The officers of both houses have a party affiliation, but they serve all members with impartial devotion.

The chairmen of all committees — whether standing, joint, select or special — will be members of the majority party. The minority party will have a membership on all committees based on a ratio which each party has in the entire Senate membership.

Should there ever be a third-party President and there then be no members of the Senate or House who are identified with such third party, it would become an interesting speculation indeed as to whether the long era of executive domination of the federal government, which began with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, will have come to an end and whether the Congress will have moved into a position of dominant authority.

Although Congress has adjourned, it could be called back into session. The Constitution gives the President power to reconvene the Congress — or either of its two branches — at any time after sine die adjournment, if the President sees fit. It is not expected, however, that this will be done.

In the Reorganization Act of 1946 is a provision that Congress shall adjourn on or before July 31 of each year. But it contains a clause to the effect that the adjournment provision shall not apply during time of war or during a national emergency.

Strangely enough, the "emergency" which is alleged to exist springs from the situation in Korea. A truce was contrived on July 27, 1953, but that is not a peace treaty. Therefore, the Korean War emergency supposedly is still in effect.

Constitution...

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of course, the legislature convening in January could consider a new call, present it to the voters in the August, 1970, general election, elect delegates in November, and have the convention meet at the same time — August of 1971.

"So the real decision for the voters, hidden in the garble of the ballot question, is whether to authorize still another vague, partly controversial, partly constitutional patchwork — or force a convention to bring the whole character into the 20th century."

As I See It

Our Advisors Need Renovating

By David Mathis, Editor-in-Chief

"The undergraduate here has been a lost dog. He could fall in a hole and no one would ever know."

The above statement was made by Dr. Jerry N. Boone, dean of the new University College at Memphis State University.

This University College is not by any means a unique idea with Memphis State, but nevertheless, it is certainly a step forward. The administrators have apparently acknowledged the problem at hand and then taken action to solve it. This problem is prevalent on many campuses and MTSU is no exception.

What is this problem? It has something to do with the student's advisor and the advisor's approach in guiding the student. It is concerned with the freshman student (even though he is allowed to pre-register in the summer before he begins his first college semester) having to declare a major area of study before he even attends one class.

The idea of "the college" within a university seems to alleviate some of the problems incurred by the freshman and sophomore student. He will go through preregistration (the one advantage MTSU employs of these ideas) and then be assigned to an ACADEMIC advisor. This in itself is a major advancement. The academic advisor will begin working with his advisees on their course selections a month or more before the end of each semester. The programs will be planned at least one year in advance, but if the students desire alterations, these are permissible.

For his first two years, a student is enrolled in the University College instead of one of the degree-granting colleges. He will then not declare his major until his junior year. During the first two years, his advisor will review his records frequently and will contact him when there seem to be some problems with grades.

And here we are in antiquity. Our system for providing faculty advisors — whom it is impossible to see during registration when they are needed for last minute changes — reflects a period of thought back in the Dark Ages.

The faculty advisor has little time for advising, even if he did take the matter seriously. He must prepare himself for classes, do prosaic research, and other busy work such as typing tests and running errands. These are jobs for an assistant or even a secretary. But, the shortage of office help, low salaries for instructors, and overload of duties falls under a different area of discussion.

The fact remains that we need to adopt a modern approach in student advising. The "college" idea at Memphis State is just a sample and probably could use some changing, but it is an idea and is being tested.

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Brooks Misdirects Remarks?

In Defense Of CUBE

Dear Editor:

It is regrettable that Mr. Brooks has directed his remarks to a generation past, when the Rebel flag and the song "Dixie" were more than remnants of the past. He should instead have addressed his entreaty to a contemporary generation such as can be found on this campus.

I hope that Mr. Brooks does not believe that the majority of Whites on campus revere these relics with the dead seriousness and blind pride of our long gone forebearers. The "Stars and Bars" today no longer signifies a rebellious and overbearing spirit of the defunct Confederacy. Its proponents, causes, and efforts are lost or gone, leaving behind only remnants.

The Black people should turn their best efforts to promoting understanding between the persons with whom they will deal in the present and future, rather than the ghosts of the War and Reconstruction. If they and Mr. Brooks can remember that we want to judge them, ourselves, and all others by their bearing and performance rather than by the stable mores of the nineteenth century, then all of us are that much closer.

Mark W. Bozarth

Problems and Answers

All material for "Problems and Answers" (letters to the editor) should be sent to David Mathis, box 42, campus mail.

All letters must be signed and the name will be printed except in unusual incidents. The names will be withheld only by the discretion of the editorial board or the editor-in-chief. In this case, the name will be kept on file, but will not be released to interested parties.

Letters of not more than 250 words will have the best chance for publication. Because of space limitations, letters may be edited.

Dear Editor:

There have been some false rumors floating around campus about our club, CUBE, which stands for Creating Understanding By Effort.

What is CUBE? It is simply a friendly, working organization. It is multi-racial in composition. We meet on alternate Fridays at 3:00 in the University Center to talk. We discuss anything that is bothering us — our pet peeves, our gripes, our likes, our dislikes. We exchange opinions, propose solutions to inter-personal problems and offer suggestions to each other.

We feel this process affords a way to mature and learn. We are learning to understand and communicate with each other, whatever our racial and ethnic backgrounds.

On Thursday nights we work. Those of us who are tired of talking high ideals and wish to do something constructive — do something. We tutor approximately 30 to 50 children ages 6 to 13. We believe that by helping others we also benefit ourselves.

Contrary to popular belief, we are not a militant, protest club. We are not a hate group. We are not Communists. We have not organized a "destroy Wallacites movement."

The purpose of this letter is to clarify to the students who are not members the real meaning of CUBE and to avoid being misrepresented by other people, who while they know nothing about us, attribute to us actions and philosophies which are in opposition to the meaning of our club.

We are nothing to be afraid of. We are simply a constructive working club. If you are curious as to what we are doing, drop in on one of our meetings. You will be welcome.

Margaret Hockett
CUBE Secretary

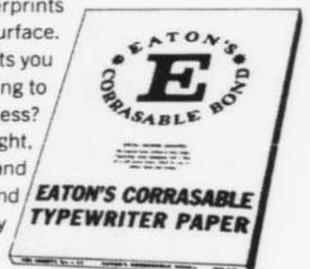
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Govs Defeat Raiders In 46-13 Runaway

By Kelly Sharbel

Austin Peay came to Jones Field Saturday night and completely destroyed Middle Tennessee's hopes for a victory in a contest that was expected to be a close game between the two arch-rival schools.

MTSU jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter after a 75 yard drive. Gene Carney went over from the 14 yard line in what was to be the Raiders' only score until the concluding period.

Austin Peay's defense tightened up considerably after that and the Governor offense tied up the game in the first period with a 42 yard pass from Dennis Dyer to Ron Fuqua.

Later, in the second quarter, the Govs blocked the first of three Raider punts and scored on a safety to make it 9-7. Thanks to a 54 yard ramble by fullback Ron Hackney and a 12 yard pass from Dyer to Harold (Red) Roberts, the Govs went into the locker room at half-time with a bulging 23-7 lead.

Austin Peay tacked 16 more points on to the scoreboard in the third period as Ron Simpson hit paydirt from the one following a 27 yard pass from Dyer to Chuck Field. Howell Flatt set up another

score as he blocked his second of three punts during the game. Roberts again did the honors on a 5 yard aerial with 8:07 left in the period. A safety added two more as Raider tailback Gene Carney was dumped in his own endzone.

Martin Ogles intercepted a Bill Griffith pass in the fourth quarter to end Governor scoring in this runaway. The Raiders added their final score on 53 yard combination from Dickie Thomas to end Charlie Daniels. This loss dropped the Raiders' record to 1-5 for the season.

Lipscomb Victor In TIAC Meet

Andy Russell, David Lipscomb, set a new course record here Saturday, as he led his team to victory in the university division of the TIAC cross country meet.

His time, 19:26 beat the old record set by Bob Giersberg of Murray State by 48 seconds. Four other runners also clocked better

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MTSU's Gene Carney tries to escape Austin Peay defenders in the Raider's 46-13 loss to the Governors. Carney scored the first Raider touchdown on a 14-yard run in the first quarter.



Dickie Thomas attempts to evade Austin Peay defenders as the Raiders lose their fifth game of the season against one win. Thomas threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to Charlie Daniel for the Raiders' second touchdown. The Raiders will face U.T. Martin next Saturday afternoon for MTSU's Homecoming game.

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Simms Receives Vietnam Medal

Lionel L. Simms, an MTSU, freshman, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for service in Vietnam by Colonel Reaugh, PMS, Wednesday.

The citation states that Simms received the award "for the performance of exceptionally meritorious service in support of the United States' objective in the counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam during the period March, 1966 to July, 1967."

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OVC Invitational Results...

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times. Tom Dernan, East Tennessee State University, 19:54, 2nd; John Mohundro, Memphis State, 19:55, 3rd; Robert Bergeron, Tenn. Tech, 20:01, 4th; and Charles Dahlgren, MTSU, 20:03, 5th.

The university standings were David Lipscomb, 1st, 40 points; ETSU, second, 52 points; Tenn. Tech, third, 73 points; MTSU and Memphis State, 103 points each, and Austin Peay 147.

Points are scored by first receiving one point, second, two points, etc. The team with the

lowest number of points wins.

In the college division, Bryan of Davton, Tenn. won with 35 points, followed by Lambuth with 55, Fisk 58, and Sewanee 74.

Individual runner Al Sewell, a top marathon runner in the United States took first with a time of 20:39. Second went to Russ Grote, Bryan, 20:41; third Russ Karvon, Bryan, 20:53; and fourth to Dennis Renshaw, Lambuth, 21:10.

Individual medals were awarded to the first ten individual runners in each division and trophies to the first and second place teams.

Raider Spirit



Around The OVC

Workhorse Louis Rogar, scored two touchdowns in Morehead's defeat over Tenn. Tech. In their first OVC win, Morehead won 24-12.

This weekend Morehead will play Western Kentucky.

Eastern Kentucky's upset over Western put them in a tie for conference leader. They are in contention with Murray.

Jim Guice led the attack against the Hilltoppers, after he had passed out twice on the bench. Dickie Moore, reinjured his leg and was carried off the field.

Western is now 3-1 in the OVC

and 5-1 overall. Eastern hosts Murray this Saturday, in which both teams will be battling to the end.

MTSU will host U-T Martin for its homecoming next weekend at 1:30 CST.

Murray Kentucky, was the site for Larry Tilman's aerial show against ETSU.

Tilman passed for two touchdowns, guiding Murray to a 30-17 win over the Bucs.

ETSU tried to bounce back, but couldn't. The winning combination of the Racers, 4-0-1 just couldn't compare with ETSU's 1-4-0.

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Does History Dept. Teach South Wins Civil War?

By Bob Burket

A new member of the Military Science Department who was taught ROTC in New England by an Alabamian said he wonders if the MTSU history department also taught that the South won the Civil War.

Captain Robert La France, a new assistant PMS here said last week:

"You see when I was in ROTC in New England, I had an instructor from Alabama, who taught military history.

"I'm very interested to see if MTSU also teaches that the South won the Civil War!" he said. Seriously, I have been impressed by the students and organizations I have met at MTSU.

Glad to be back on a college campus the Captain said, "We have about the most level-headed group of young people that I have ever worked with. It's a real challenge to teach at any university, but at MTSU it's a pleasure as well because of the attitude and enthusiasm of the students."

Captain La France graduated from Providence College, (R. I.) with an A.B. degree in Philosophy and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Adjutant Generals' Corps through the ROTC program. He has been stationed at Fort Ord in California and at Army headquarters in Saigon, Vietnam.

In 1967 La France was assigned to the "Green Beret" Special Forces in Vietnam and was an administrative officer to the Fifth Special Forces Group in Nha Trang, Vietnam.

Captain La France has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam and earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge while on combat operations with the Vietnamese Special Forces and his parachutist's wings. In addition he has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnamese Parachutist Badge.

SNEA Holds Get-Acquainted Picnic

New and old members of the Student National Education Association (SNEA) gathered Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, for a get-acquainted picnic held on the picnic grounds of the MTSU campus.

The purpose of the picnic was to allow the members of the organization to become acquainted with each other before the first regular meeting.

Preceding the meal, Sharlena Phillips, Murfreesboro junior, sang, played the guitar, and led the group in singing.

According to Sandra Barr, president of SNEA, approximately 75 people attended the picnic.

Dean Freedle and Mary Martin, faculty sponsors of the organization, and several other members of the faculty were on hand for the event.

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CAPTAIN ROBERT LA FRANCE

Defense Department Calls 17,500 Men In December Draft

WASHINGTON (ANF) — The Department of Defense has requested a monthly draft call of 17,500 for December.

Fifteen-thousand of the inductees will be assigned to the Army and 2,500 to the Marine Corps. All inductees will report in the first two calendar weeks of December to avoid the entrance of new inductees to active duty during the holiday season.

The monthly draft calls for this year were: January 34,000; February, 23,300; March, 41,000; April, 48,000; May, 45,900; June, 20,000; July, 15,000; August, 18,300; September, 12,200; October, 13,800; November, 10,000; and December, 17,500.

MTSU Art Frat. In 'Sketchbook'

Epsilon Gamma, MTSU's chapter of Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity, will be featured in the fall issue of "Sketchbook" the international fraternity magazine.

Pictures of various campus scenes and art activities will be used.

The local chapter elected officers Monday, Oct. 21. New officers are J. Phillip Johns, Rome, Ga., senior, president; Carolyn

Null, Norris, junior, secretary; Skip Marlin, Nashville junior, treasurer; and ASB representative Lynn Ezell, Murfreesboro senior, parliamentarian and ASB representative; Linda Duzynski, Lebanon, Tenn. junior; and Linda Vines, Lakeland, Fla., senior, Kappa Pi editor.

WMTU Offers Valuable Experience

In discussing the development of WMTU radio, Doug Vernier, director of the station, stated that "It will offer a unique opportunity for students to gain valuable experience that they would be unable to receive elsewhere."

Experience is the greatest deficit that students encounter when they apply for a position with a professional radio station, but Vernier feels that WMTU will fill this void.

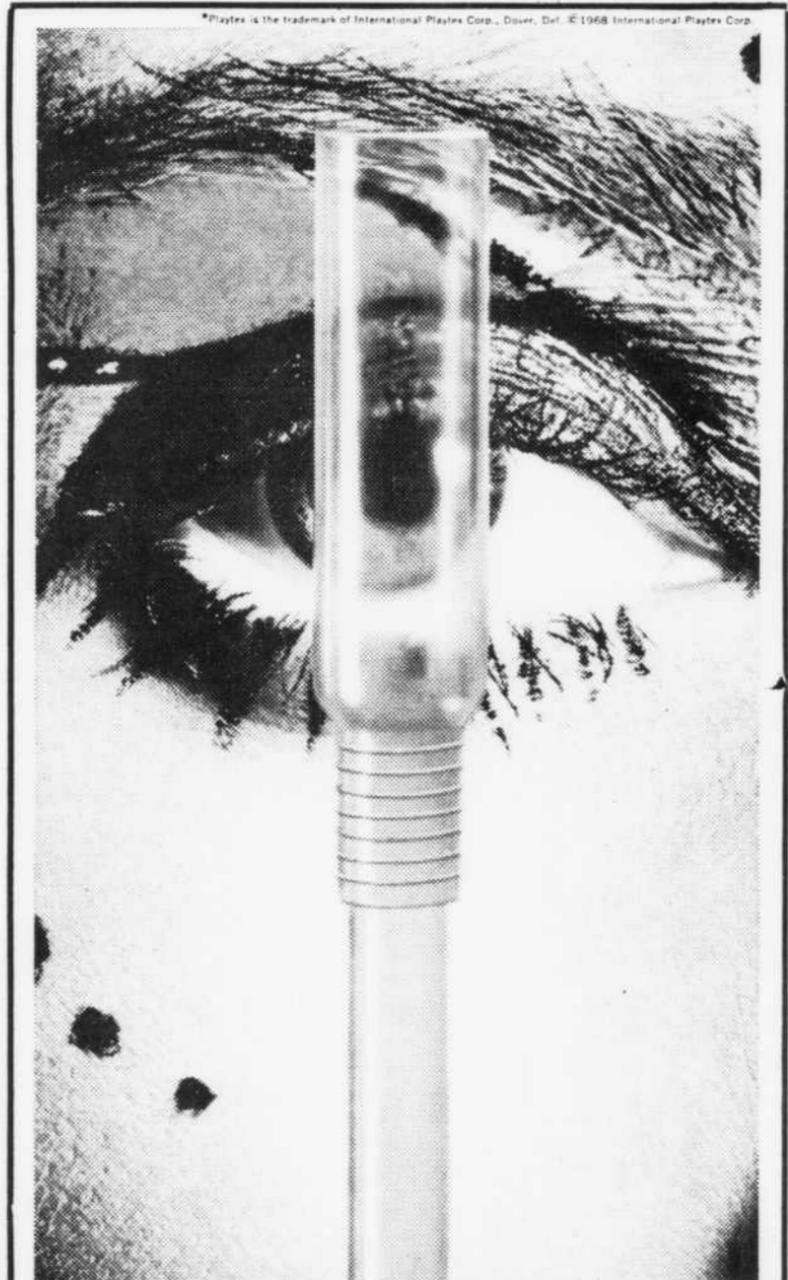
The 250 watt FM station to begin broadcasting in February is designed to cover the entire county. Though it may be of interest to the local people, it is specifically designed for student listening. It will keep the student informed of campus news and events and will provide music designed for the students listening pleasure.

The station will also provide sports broadcasts, debates between faculty and students on controversial issues, interviews with special personalities, campus bulletins, and special events.

Vernier stated that one of the prime interests of WMTU-FM will be to clarify the issues and offer an unbiased opinion of the news.



Charles Phillips (L.), bookstore manager, and President M. G. Scarlett (R.) congratulate E. W. Midget (C.), professor of business education, on the bookstore's acquisition of Mr. Midget's book, AN ACCOUNTING PRIMER. The book is published by the American Library, the largest publisher of paperback books in the world, on its Mintor Executive Library label. AN ACCOUNTING PRIMER is available at the bookstore, and it will be available in all large university bookstores throughout the United States.



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